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(*b*) Details are not available for Shencottah taluk; in other areas it is nil.

(*c*) The amount realized by the sale of timber is Rs. 3,41,139.

(*d*) Honey was not sold as a separate item, but it was included as one of the items of minor forest produce which were sold in auction with lease period up to 31st December 1957.

(*e*) A sum of Rs. 2,901 was obtained for the collection of minor forest produce including honey.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : Sir, may I know whether this data is as per recent survey or as per old survey in that district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I cannot tell the hon. Member exactly when the survey was made.

SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Sir, may I know whether rattan and bamboo are also included in minor forest produce?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Is there any proposal to nationalize the private forests?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There is no such proposal with the Government, Sir.

House rent allowance to Government employees in Kanyakumari district

* 261 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the house rent allowance and other allowances are now being given to all the Government employees in the Kanyakumari district;

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(*c*) the departments in which the house rent allowance is not given yet?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) The Government employees in the Kanyakumari district were not in receipt of house rent allowance when they were under the former Travancore-Cochin Government. The Madras Scheme of House Rent Allowance has since been extended to them with effect from 1st November 1956. As regards dearness allowance, they draw the allowance at the rates in force under the former Travancore-Cochin State as long as they continue to hold the same posts after the merger. On promotion to higher posts in the Madras State on or after 1st November 1956, the Madras rates of dearness allowance will apply.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) Nil.

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Sri T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI: May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that a considerable section of the Government servants in Kanyakumari district have not received these allowances?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, my answer stands.

Sri M. K. SOMASUNDARAM: ஸார், ஜில்லா போர்டில் வேலை பார்க்கிறவர்கள் கவர்ன்மெண்ட் எம்ப்ளாயீஸாக கருதப்படுவார்களா ? அப்படி கருதப்பட்டால், தாலூகா ஹெட்க்வார்டர்ஸில் இருப்பவர்களுக்கு இந்த அலவன்ஸ் கொடுக்கப்படுமா ?

Mr. SPEAKER: இந்தக் கேள்வி கன்னியாகுமரி ஜில்லாவைப் பற்றியது.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: கன்னியாகுமரி ஜில்லாவில் ஜில்லா போர்டே இல்லை.

Sri M. JAGANNATHAN: Sir, instead of giving dearness allowance on promotion, will the Government consider the desirability of giving dearness allowance even during the period when they are holding the same post?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: Dearness allowance is being paid on the scale prevalent in the former Travancore-Cochin Government. The question of integrating the services is under consideration and as soon as that integration takes place, whatever is applicable to the Madras Government servants would be paid to them also.

Sri T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI: Sir, in regard to the dearness allowance an increase was given to the Madras State servants in the last financial year, and an increase in the dearness allowance was given to Kerala Government servants in the last year. May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that Non-Gazetted Officers in Kanyakumari district were not treated either as Madras Government servants or as Kerala Government servants? If so, will the Government order that the increase in dearness allowance should be given to the Non-Gazetted Officers of the Kanyakumari district also?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: What we have now got to see is, taking into account the cadre to which they belong, whether they receive higher emoluments when compared with the Madras cadre or they receive anything lower on the whole, taking into consideration their pay and dearness allowance. After such a comparison was made, we found that the Non-Gazetted Officers in Kanyakumari district were receiving higher emoluments than that which the officers of the rest of the Madras State were receiving. That is why till the integration it was found necessary not to give any increment in the dearness allowance to the Non-Gazetted Officers of Kanyakumari district, because they are receiving even now more than what their corresponding officers in Madras State are receiving.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : கன்யாகுமாரி ஜில்லாவில் இருக்கக்கூடிய அதிகாரிகளுக்கு மற்ற பகுதியில் இருக்கக் கூடிய அதகாரிகளைவிட அதிகமாக சம்பளம் கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது என்று கனம் மந்திரி கூறினார். அவர்கள் செய்யும் வேலையைப்பற்றியா அல்லது அவர்களுடைய கடமையைப்பற்றியா அதிகமாகக் கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Taking the same cadre here and the same cadre there. So the responsibilities and duties will almost be the same.

Cheris affected by the flow of water in the Lower Bhavani Community Project area.

* 262 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM : Will the Hon. the Minis- for Revenue be pleased to State—

(*a*) the amount allotted by the Government in 1956–57 for the construction of houses for Harijans in cheris affected by the flow of water in the Lower Bhavani Community Project area; and

(*b*) the amount spent and the number of houses built out of the allotment?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) & (*b*) Particulars have been called for from the Collector of Coimbatore.

SRI P. G. MANICKAM : கட்டப்பட்ட வீடுகள்கூட அநேகம் விழுந்து விட்டன என்று சென்ற அசெம்ப்ளி கூட்டத்தில் சொன்னபோது கம்யூனிட்டி ப்ராஜெக்ட் திட்டம் முடிந்த பிறகு அதைப்பற்றி கவனிக்கப்படும் என்று கனம் மந்திரி தெரிவித்தார். வீடுகள் கட்டும் திட்டத்தில் இது வரைக்கும் ஏதாகிலும் கவனம் செலுத்தப்பட்டதா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : கனம் அங்கத்தினர் கேள்வி கேட்கும்போது சில தகவல்களையும், புள்ளி விவரங்களையும் அவர் கேட்டார். அவைகள்தான் இன்னும் வரவில்லை என்று பதில் சொன்னேன். இப்பொழுது வேறு தனியாக புது கேள்வி கேட்கிறார். இதைப்பற்றி தனியாகக் கேட்டால் அதற்கு பதில் சொல்கிறேன்.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : I rise on a point of information, Sir. When particulars have not been received either from the Collectors or from the respective departments, there is no point in placing the question before the House.

MR SPEAKER : I waited sufficiently long and then put it on the order paper. It is open to the Government to say that they have no information.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : Then are we to understand, Sir, that members will have to renew their questions or that the particulars, when received, will be placed on the table of the House.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member will have to [a] renew his question.

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a Vide further remarks of Speaker no page 467 infra.